

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Claims 1-22 are pending in the Application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11, and 13-22 and objects to Claims 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, and 12. Applicants amend Claims 1, 3, 8, 15 and 22 and cancel Claims 2, 9 and 16. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 101 Rejections

Claims 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the Office Action contends that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory matter. Applicants have amended independent Claim 15 to recite logic embodied as a computer program stored on a computer readable medium. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that Claims 2, 3, 5, 9, 10 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 to recite elements previously recited in allowable Claims 2, 9 and 16. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 and all claims depending therefrom.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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